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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KUSHIDA ET AL.

Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9/30/05.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-7 are pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

The following eight different factors (see Ex parte Foreman, 230 USPQ at 547; Wands, In re, 858.F. 2d 731, 8 USPQ 2d 1400, Fed. Cir. 1988) must be considered in order for the specification to be enabling for what is being claimed:

Quantity of experimentation necessary, the amount of direction or guidance provided, presence or absence of working examples, the nature of the invention, the state of the prior art, the relative skill of those in the art, the predictability or unpredictability and the breadth of claims. In the instant case, the specification is not enabling based on at least four of the above mentioned eight different factors such as quantity of experimentation necessary, the amount of direction or guidance provided, presence of working examples, state of the prior art, unpredictability and the breadth of claims.

The instant specification teaches producing and isolating three compounds (PF 1270 A, B and C) by culturing penicillium waksmanii strain and therefore, the instant

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specification is enabling only for using this specific strain. There is no teaching either in the specification or prior art regarding producing instant compounds PF 1270 A, B and C using any other strain of genus penicillium. There is no teaching or guidance in the specification or prior art that exactly same compounds can be produced by culturing any strain of genus penicillium. There are no working examples present showing production of compounds PF 1270 A, B and C using any other strain of genus penicillium except penicillium waksmanii strain. The penicillium genus encompasses hundreds of thousands of species and therefore, in absence of such teachings, guidance, presence of working examples, it would require undue experimentation to culture every known strain of genus penicillium in order to produce instant compounds PF 1270 A, B and C.

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claim 5 recites the limitation "PF1270 A, B and C substances" in claim 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 6 recites the limitation "PF1270 A, B and C substances" in claim 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 7 recites the limitation "PF1270 A, B and C substances" in claim 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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6. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Neidleman (U.S. Patent 3,817,835).

Neidleman discloses a process for the production of antimicrobial agents. The process using *Penicillium waksmanii* strain described in example 22 by Neidleman clearly anticipates the instant claim.

7. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Barta (WO 01/21607).

Barta discloses a process for the production of mycophenolic acid and derivatives. The process using *Penicillium waksmanii* strain described in examples 1 and 2 by Barta clearly anticipates the instant claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Claims 1-4 are allowed since the instant compounds are neither disclosed nor obvious over the prior art. In the prior art, Mrozik (U.S. Patent 4,866,060) discloses compounds, Marcfortine A, B and C (see col. 1, line 35 to col. 2, line 20) which are related in structure to the instant compounds. However, the compounds of Mrozik differ in structure from the instant compounds and furthermore, there is no teaching, suggestion or motivation in the prior art to modify the compounds of Mrozik to prepare the instant compounds.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charanjit S. Aulakh whose telephone number is

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(571)272-0678. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas McKenzie can be reached on (571)272-0670. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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